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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Robert A. Hoffman

Group Art Unit: 2877

Serial No.: 09/691,155

Examiner: Geisel, Kara E.

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For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD
EMPLOYING INCOHERENT
LIGHT EMITTING
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES
AS PARTICLE DETECTION
LIGHT SOURCES IN A FLOW
CYTOMETER

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 3, 2002, the due date for response being extended by one-month to April 3, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for examining a particle in a flow stream of a flow cytometer, comprising:

a light emitting device comprising at least one incoherent light emitting semiconductor device, adapted to emit light toward said flow stream;

a detector, adapted to detect light emanating from said particle in response to said emitted light striking said particle; and

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